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S. 1286

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to local educational agencies to carry out school violence prevention and school safety activities in secondary schools.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “School Safety Fund
5 Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act, the terms “local educational agency” and
8 “secondary school” have the meanings given the terms in

1 section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
2 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

3 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act is to assist local educational
5 agencies in preventing and responding to the threat of ju-
6 venile violence in secondary schools through the implemen-
7 tation of effective school violence prevention and school
8 safety programs.

9 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

10 The Attorney General is authorized to carry out a
11 program under which the Attorney General awards grants
12 to local educational agencies to assist the local educational
13 agencies in establishing and operating school violence pre-
14 vention and school safety activities in secondary schools.

15 **SEC. 5. APPLICATIONS.**

16 Each local educational agency desiring a grant under
17 this section shall submit an application to the Attorney
18 General at such time, in such manner, and accompanied
19 by such information as the Attorney General may require.
20 Each application shall—

21 (1) include a detailed explanation of—

22 (A) the intended uses of funds provided
23 under the grant; and

24 (B) how the activities funded under the
25 grant will meet the purpose of this Act; and

1 (2) a written assurance that the funds provided
2 under the grant will be used to supplement and not
3 supplant other State and local public funds available
4 for school violence prevention and school safety ac-
5 tivities in secondary schools.

6 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.**

7 A local educational agency may use grant funds pro-
8 vided under this Act—

9 (1) to establish hotlines or tiplines for the re-
10 porting of potentially dangerous students and situa-
11 tions;

12 (2) to hire community police officers;

13 (3) to purchase metal detectors, surveillance
14 cameras, and other school security equipment;

15 (4) to provide training to teachers, administra-
16 tors, and other school personnel in the identification
17 and detection of, and responses to, early warning
18 signs of troubled and potentially violent youth;

19 (5) to establish conflict resolution, counseling,
20 mentoring, and other violence prevention and inter-
21 vention programs for students;

22 (6) to hire counselors, psychologists, mental
23 health professionals, and school social workers; and

1 (7) for any other purpose that the Attorney
2 General determines to be appropriate and consistent
3 with the purpose of this Act.

4 **SEC. 7. FUNDING.**

5 From amounts appropriated to the Department of
6 Justice from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund es-
7 tablished under section 310001 of the Violent Crime Con-
8 trol and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C.
9 14211), the Attorney General may make available such
10 sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act for each
11 of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004.

12 **SEC. 8. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

13 Not later than November 30th of each year, the At-
14 torney General shall report to Congress regarding the
15 number of grants funded under this Act for the preceding
16 fiscal year, the amount of funds provided under the grants
17 for the preceding fiscal year, and the activities for which
18 grant funds were used for the preceding fiscal year.

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